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Dorothy Parker (August 22, 1893 – June 7, 1967) was an American writer and poet best known for her caustic wit, wisecracks, and sharp eye for 20th century urban foibles. Also known as Dot or Dottie, Parker was born Dorothy Rothschild in the West End district of Long Branch, New Jersey.

They sicken at the calm that know the storm.

- Parker, Dorothy

Brevity is the soul of lingerie.

- Parker, Dorothy

Where's the man could ease a heart, like a satin gown?

- Parker, Dorothy

Those who have mastered etiquette, who are entirely, impeccably right, would seem to arrive at a point of exquisite dullness.

- Parker, Dorothy

Why is it no one ever sent me yet one perfect limousine, do you suppose? Ah no, it's always just my luck to get one perfect rose.

- Parker, Dorothy

I don't care what anybody says about me as long as it isn't true.

- Parker, Dorothy

Gratitude -- the meanest and most sniveling attribute in the world.

- Parker, Dorothy

Hollywood money isn't money. It's congealed snow, melts in your hand, and there you are.

- Parker, Dorothy

I can't talk about Hollywood. It was a horror to me when I was there and it's a horror to look back on. I can't imagine how I did it. When I got away from it I couldn't even refer to the place by name. Out there, I called it.

- Parker, Dorothy

You can lead a whore to culture but you can't make her think.

- Parker, Dorothy

I shall stay the way I am because I do not give a damn.

- Parker, Dorothy

Love is like quicksilver in the hand. Leave the fingers open and it stays. Clutch is, and it

darts away.

- Parker, Dorothy

Scratch a lover, and find a foe.

- Parker, Dorothy

I require three things in a man. He must be handsome, ruthless, and stupid.

- Parker, Dorothy

He [Robert Benchley] and I had an office so tiny that an inch smaller and it would have been adultery.

- Parker, Dorothy

Enjoyed it! One more drink and I'd have been under the host.

- Parker, Dorothy

Drink, and dance and laugh and lie, love the reeling midnight through, for tomorrow we shall die! (But, alas, we never do.)

- Parker, Dorothy

She runs the gamut of emotions from A to B.

- Parker, Dorothy

Art is a form of catharsis.

- Parker, Dorothy

All those writers who write about their childhood! Gentle God, if I wrote about mine you wouldn't sit in the same room with me.

- Parker, Dorothy

Good work, Mary. We all knew you had it in you.

- Parker, Dorothy

Sorrow is tranquility remembered in emotion.

- Parker, Dorothy

This book is not to be tossed lightly aside, but to be hurled with great force.

- Parker, Dorothy

Razors pain you; rivers are damp; acids stain you; and drugs cause cramp. Guns aren't lawful; nooses give; gas smells awful; you might as well live.

- Parker, Dorothy

It's not the tragedies that kill us, it's the messes.

- Parker, Dorothy

Wit has truth in it; wisecracking is simply calisthenics with words.

- Parker, Dorothy

There's a helluva distance between wisecracking and wit. Wit has truth in it; wisecracking is simply calisthenics with words.

- Parker, Dorothy

The two most beautiful words in the English language are: Check Enclosed.

- Parker, Dorothy

Work is the province of cattle.

- Parker, Dorothy

If you're going to write, don't pretend to write down. It's going to be the best you can do, and it's the fact that it's the best you can do that kills you.

- Parker, Dorothy

The best way to keep children at home is to make the home a pleasant atmosphere and let the air out of the tires.

- Parker, Dorothy

This is not a novel to be tossed aside lightly. It should be thrown with great force.

- Parker, Dorothy

Oh, life is a glorious cycle of song, / A melody of extemporanea; / And love is a thing that
can never go wrong; / And I am Marie of Roumania

- Parker, Dorothy



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